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(*b*) how many trains were stopped on that date and at what places; and

(*c*) from how many of the Dravidian Progressive Federation volunteers, fines were forcibly collected even after they had courted arrest and undergone imprisonment?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) & (*c*) The Government have no information as to how many persons among those who were arrested or who were convicted, were volunteers of the Dravidian Progressive Federation.

" (*b*) The Government consider it against public interest to give particulars as it would encourage such acts of lawlessness."

Stopping of trains, arrests made in connection with.

* 431 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total number of arrests made on 15th July 1953 in connexion with the stopping of trains?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Government consider that it is not desirable to disclose the information sought for as to stopping of trains, as an answer to the question is likely to encourage such unlawful activities."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" What was the object in stopping trains? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I am sorry I had no discussion with the gentlemen who stopped the trains. But I think it had something to do with the politics of the present Dravidian Progressive Federation."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" Is it to be inferred from the answer that the agitation was so much that it will not be in the public interest to give the figures asked for? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The Government consider that the stopping of trains was very unnecessary, and to give figures will encourage more people to do such acts, whatever the object may be, on different occasions. We do not wish to show that we tolerated so many cases of lawlessness."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" May I know whether notice of stopping trains was received by the Government in advance and, if so, why precautionary measures were not taken to avert the tragic effect? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" When a man gives previous notice in his own individual capacity that he would do an act, we can take action. But when there is a general previous notice that such things will take place, we will be guilty of hasty action if we do not give *locus poenitentiae* to those who induced them to do that act."

Sri A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" அகாரணத்திற்காக ரயிலை நிறுத்தினால் ரூ. 50 அபராதம் விதிக்கப்படும் என்று போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் நேரு அவர்கள் 'நான்சென்ஸ்' என்று சொன்ன காரணத்திற்காக, அதுவும் ரயிலை நிறுத்தப் போவதாக அறிவித்துவிட்டு ரயிலை நிறுத்தினார்கள். அது எப்படி குற்றமாகும்? குற்றமென்று கருதினால் அதற்கு 50 ரூபாய் அபராதம் போடாமல், அதற்குப் பதில் ஏன் சுட வேண்டும், சிறைச்சாலை தண்டனை விதிக்கவேண்டும் என்று சர்க்காரைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The supplementary question is based on a number of erroneous conclusions."

Bharathi Works Publication Committee.

* 432 *Q.*—Sri P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature and composition of the machinery provided by Government for popularizing Poet Bharathiar's literary works; and

(*b*) if the machinery is only a committee the names of the individuals constituting the Committee and the work done by them?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have appointed a Committee known as the Bharathi Works Publication Committee in order to advise them on the editing, printing, publication, etc., of the works. The following persons are members of the Committee :—

(1) Sri R. Krishnamurthy, (2) Professor K. Swaminathan, (3) Sri R. P. Sethu Pillai; and (4) Sri C. Viswanathan.

Both the Government and the Director of Public Instruction seek the advise of this Committee on all matters relating to the poet's works including the use of passages from the poet's works for text-books and the use of his songs in films.

The Committee helps the Government in printing and publishing collected editions of the poet's works. This work is in progress in the Government Press."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" தனிப்பட்டவர்களிடமிருந்து உரிமையை வாங்கி இப்போது இந்த அரசாங்கம் வியாபாரம் செய்கிறதா? அரசாங்கம் விரைவில் பாரதியாரின் கவிதை, கட்டுரைகளை வெளியிடுவதற்கு முன் வருமா?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Steps are being taken to publish these works as early as possible. That is why I said that the work was in progress in the Government Press. The edition will be out very soon."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" The works of Subrahmanya Bharathi inspired and cultivated a revolutionary spirit in the days